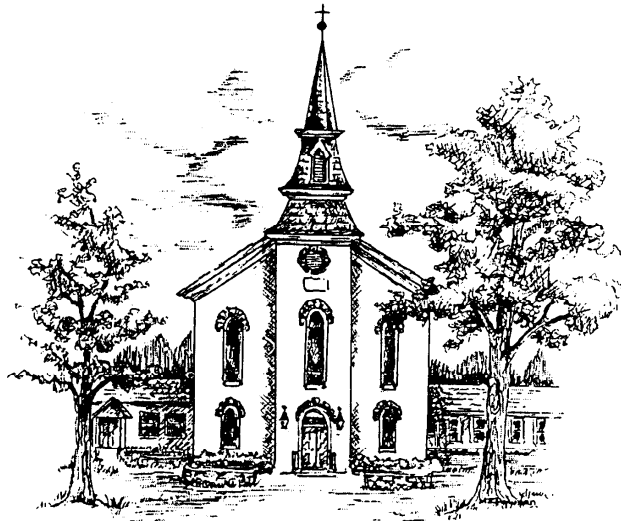


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Please send your email address to: office@wentzsucc.org
Thank you.

From Pastor Tony



“Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.’” (Luke 18:31)

Lent is upon us, beginning March 1st with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. This season of the year is characterized by “giving something up.” This discipline has been practiced for many generations.

According to the *Book of Worship United Church of Christ*,

“Lent is a penitential season of self-examination, prayer and fasting that precedes the observance of the Triduum (Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter which begins on Saturday night).” pp. 21-22.

So, this pre-Easter discipline of giving up something for Lent has been a part of our tradition from the early beginnings of the church. I would encourage us to use this time for “self-examination, prayer and fasting” as many have done so over the years.

But, I would also encourage us to do something different this Lent season. In addition to “giving up” let’s try “giving service” during this Lent. By that, let’s try giving ourselves during this time of self-examination to sharing in some outreach of care and concern. Maybe by supporting a special offering such as One Great Hour of Sharing or the youth group participation in the Bowl-a-thon for Mary’s Shelter, we may contemplate how these gifts touch someone else in need with the grace of Jesus, who gives himself up for us.

Let’s try “giving service” during this Lent by giving extra time to worship experiences provided in the life of this season. The community Mid-week Lent services are wonderful times to gather with other Christians throughout our community in worship and praise as we journey through the season. We get to know our neighbors in our common worship life. Or, give some time to attending the worship services of Wentz’s UCC, Sundays and special days throughout the season, as you prepare for the coming of Easter.

Let’s try “giving service” during this Lent by joining in an outreach to the needy of the community and the world. Maybe you can help with Manna on Main St., Habitat for Humanity, Mitzvah Circle for example, or many other possibilities of outreach. Maybe you can join in the prayer shawl ministry, knitting and crocheting for people in need of prayers and comfort. Or, in your self-examination and prayers you might offer prayers for others on the prayer list or for missions and needs for the world.

The possibilities are limitless as you contemplate how you might involve yourself in “giving service” through this Lent season. Why not add to the list of possibilities, and go and do!

So, as you prepare to “give up something for Lent” prepare and practice “giving service” as well. You may find yourself even more amazed at the gift of giving which Jesus offers in this journey to the Cross of Good Friday and the Resurrection of Easter Day!



*Wentz's Family
Please keep these
members
and family and friends of
members in
your prayers:*

Lois McConnell Bill Detwiler Kathryn Eshbach
Melissa Johnson Pauline Thacker Thelma Wood
Betty Emma Wells Kim Metzger Nancy Domurat
Fran & Mark (friends of the Weners); **David L. Boyer, Sr.** (brother-in-law of Patti Pursell); **Marsha Chappell** (friend of Congregation); **Michael Corazon** (friend of Gail Reilley); **Debbie Deily** (aunt of Nichole Ostrowski); **Kathy Evelhock** (friend of Betsy Villareal); **Bill Fisher** (Brother-in-law of Denise Granlun); **Susan Fritz** (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); **Janet Garris** (friend of Kim Kline); **Edward Gresch & Family** (Son & family of Bev Gresch); **Doug Grunkley** (friend of the Domurats); **Kathy Heinz** (friend of the DuBree family); **Rich & Shirley Higgins** (friend of Bev Gresch); **Judy & Julie** (friends of the Weners); **Jessica Jannenga** (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law); **Mary Lou Johnson** (Mom of Craig Johnson); **Jamie Jordan** (niece of the Rubery's); **Dorothy Klock** (friend of Jackie Wolfe); **William Jack Kocsi** (nephew of the Kocsi & Moore family); **Marsha Koopman** (sister of Denise Granlun); **Don Krapp** (friend of Kim Klines's); **Don Kreger** (friend of Craig & Melissa Johnson); **Agnes Lafiata** (friend of Frank Engro & Paige Wolfe); **Marianne Little** (friend of Bev Gresch); **Dave and Mary Livezey** (friends of the Mower family); **Marlee Mintzer-Shaner** (friend of the Reed family); **Nathan Morton** (Nephew of Stacy Morton); **Jamie Moyer** (son-in-law of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **Taylor Moyer** (granddaughter of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **Alexander Murph** (friend of Kim Kline's); **Mia Nguyen** (friend of June Wright); **Nunes Family** (friend of the Rader's); **Brian Peterson** (friend of the Congregation); **Beth Ann Phipps** (niece of Craig Johnson); **Ed & Fran Poserina** (parents of Tom Poserina); **David Roper** (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Mary Jane Roth** (mother of Megan Roth); **Hank Ryzner** (grandfather of Bob Darde); **Rose & Louis Santora** (family of Bev & Henrietta); **Grant Severance & Family** (friend of Mark Landis); **Lisa Serrao** (friend of the Kessler family); **Shackelton Family** (friend of Nancy Ricci); **Brian Tew** (friend of Debi Kinsky); **Mabel Weidman** (friend of Betty Wilkie); **Ty Wihite** (friend of Stacy Morton); **Wayne Wilkie** (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Harry Wilmore** (friend of June Wright); **Virginia Wright** (Mom of June Wright); **Jeanette Yocum** (friends of Annalise Wilson); **Iva Zanoni** (friend of the Snyders)

Births ~

Sebastian Elton Lelaj ~ Jan 29, 2017
Son of Danielle & Elton Lelaj

The Newsletter is published 11 times per year. **The deadline is always the 15th of every month.** To ensure communication throughout the entire Wentz's family, please contact the church office with your newsletter articles. Should you need assistance, please call us at 610-584-4855 and we'll take care of you. Your contribution to this newsletter is appreciated.

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Holy Week

**Sunday, April 9 ~
Confirmation Sunday/Palm Sunday**

**April 13 at 7:30pm ~
Maundy Thursday Service**

**Sunday, April 16 at 6:30am,
8am & 10:45 am ~
Easter Services & Communion**

2017 Community Lent Worship Services

Theme: Restoration

Date	Theme	Preacher	Location
Mar 1 Ash Wed	Restoration: Self	Rev. Sandy Drescher-Lehman	Bethel Hill UMC 2000 Bethel Rd. Lansdale, PA
Mar 8	Restoration: Family	Rev. Mike Meneses	Wentz's UCC 3246 Skippack Pike Lansdale, PA
Mar 15	Restoration: Commu- nity	Rev. Tony Villareal	Skippack Church of the Brethren 520 Collegeville Rd. Collegeville, PA
Mar 22	Restoration: Nations	Rev. Sue Ketterer	Methacton Mennonite 3081 Mill Rd Norristown, PA
Mar 29	Restoration: Earth	Rev. Larry O'Neill	Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC 619 W. Township Line E. Norriton, PA
April 5	Restoration: God	Rev. Leslie Kearney	Bethel Hill UMC 2000 Bethel Hill Rd. Lansdale, PA



STEWARDSHIP AUCTION: Saturday, April 29 If you are ready to begin your Spring Cleaning...please remember the Stewardship Auction and consider donating items that you believe would sell. Our auction has been a great source of adding to our General Fund. Please contact Gerald Rader, 610.613.2766 if you have items to donate.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: On March 26th we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. OGHS is the special ecumenical mission offering that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS in the hospital or may need to talk with the Pastor? If so, please inform the church office, or contact Pastor Tony: pastortony@wentzsucc.org



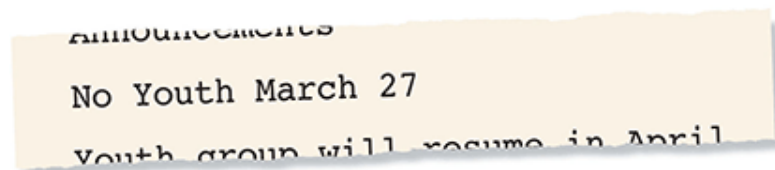
ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! The 2017 Women's Guild Scholarships are now available for all senior students who are planning to continue their education. PLEASE pick up your Women's Guild \$500 Application in the Women's Guild box by the office. All applications should be submitted to Barb Bustard by May 1, 2017. The Guild has given out 57 - \$500 Scholarships since 1996!



MANNA ON MAIN STREET: We will collect non-perishable food items (boxed cereals, canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegetables, rice, pasta, canned beans, peanut butter, jelly, soups), and toiletries (toilet paper, paper towels, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, baby diapers and wipes) for the local Lansdale food-bank thru Easter Sunday. Please place your donations in the designated box in the Guild Room.



From a church newsletter:



Why chase away the young people?



Youth Group News

All youth group members need to complete the Wentz's UCC Information Sheet with your insurance information in order to participate in youth group events. This form can be found online at: www.wentzsucc.org and on the youth group bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, March 5 @ 6:30pm ~ Youth Group Meeting.



Sunday, March 19, 1:30pm—6pm ~ Mary's Shelter Bowling Activity (lunch included) .

Sunday, March 26 @ 6:30pm ~ Youth Group Meeting



THANK YOU: The Youth Group wishes to thank the Congregation for your support of our Annual Dessert Competition and Luncheon. We made a profit of \$388. This year's winners were: Tiffany Todd's "Campfire Cake" = Most Artistic and Most Beautiful; Kristen Taragna's "Cookie Monster Cake" = Cutest; Lochlainn Todd's "Out of This World Gummies" = Most Beautiful; and Sara Sell's and Alyssa Prince's "Cookie Monster Cake" = Best Tasting.

Please see Chip Kinsky if you have any questions.

☀ 8:30am Journey Service (first of the month) & then Regular Service the Sundays following, 9:30am Sunday School; Allegro Ringers during Offertory; Cherub Choir/Junior Choir/Youth Choir, Flute Choir & Youth Band following Children's Message at the 10:45am Service of Worship; 10:30am Prelude chimes 10:45am church service

✚ Summer Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm Ash Wednesday Soup Dinner-Bethel Hill UMC & 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 8 pm AA	2 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	3 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	4
5 ☀ 8:30am Journey Ser- vice w/ Communion 6:30pm Youth Group Meeting	6 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) Bertucci's Dining Out 11am-9m	7 7:30pm AA	8 7:30 Lenten Service Wentz's UCC 8 pm AA	9 Noon—2pm MCIU 6:30pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	10 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	11
12 ☀	13 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	14 7:30pm AA	15 7:30pm Lenten Service Skippack Church of the Brethren 8 pm AA <u>Articles for April Newsletter Due</u>	16 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA 8pm Church & Ministry	17 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	18
19 ☀ 1:30pm Youth Group Mary's Shelter Bowling	20 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	21 7:30pm AA	22 7:30pm Lenten Service Methacton Mennonite 8 pm AA	23 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	24 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	25 9am Bethany Children's Home Field Trip
26 ☀ 6:30pm Youth Group Meeting	27 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	28 7:30pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting 7:30pm AA	29 7:30pm Lenten Service Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC 8 pm AA	30 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	31 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Flowers to grace the altar on Easter Sunday are now being ordered. The cost of the flowers is **\$12.00** each. Or you may contact the church office. **DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS (Including other contributions) IS SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017.** Make checks payable to *Wentz's United Church of Christ.*

Your Name _____

Telephone Number _____ email: _____

I would like to order the following number of plants:

_____ Easter Lilies _____ Yellow Daffodils _____ Red Tulips _____ Pink Tulips

_____ Purple Tulips

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Thanks, but I prefer to make a special Easter gift to one of the special funds at Wentz's Church.

Endowment Fund

Music Fund

Handbell Fund

Outreach Fund

Improvement Fund

Memorial Fund

Youth Fund

General Fund

OCWM

Electronic Equipment

Benner Endowment Fund

2016 Addition

Other _____ *Please specify*

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Received \$ _____

Cash

Check # _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.
YOU MAY USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM IF NECESSARY.
PLEASE INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION.
THANK YOU.